

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Sudley			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cumberstone			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: West side of Old Sudley Road; west of Maryland Route 468; 3 miles south of intersection of Maryland Route 255			
CITY OR TOWN: and Maryland Route 468. West River			
STATE Maryland 20881	CODE 24	COUNTY: Anne Arundel	CONF 003

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. T. Hammond Welsh			
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Sudley Road			
CITY OR TOWN: West River	STATE: Maryland 20881	CODE 24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland 21401	CODE 24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland 21401	CODE 24	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sudley is located on the west side of Old Sudley Road in the ancient West River Hundred. It is west of Maryland Route 468, and three miles south of the intersection of Maryland Routes 255 and 468.

Well preserved, restored (1950), and essentially unchanged since the seventeenth century, Sudley gives us a valuable picture of the Quaker way of life, significant in the forming of Anne Arundel County.

This one-and-one-half story, white, weatherboarded house, with its steep roof typical of the Medieval Transitional style, stands at the top of an abrupt slope near the headwaters of West River. It is shaded by ancient Tulip Poplars.

The chimneys standing within the gable-ends are the largest in any surviving seventeenth-century house in Anne Arundel County. The framing, siding, and roofing members are of handhewn timber.

The center part of the house was built before 1683. It consisted of a Great Hall and Parlor on the first floor, and three bedrooms above, which were reached by a stairway winding up around a chimney corner.

The greater affluence of the eighteenth century brought embellishments by Richard Galloway III, who inherited the simple house in 1720. He put raised panelling in the Great Hall and Parlor and possibly added a kitchen wing on the northwest corner.

Kensley Johns II was responsible for the addition of two one-and-one-half-story wings after 1750. His son, John Johns, changed the property name from "Cumberstone" to "Sudley" before the 1800 resurvey of the land.

Sixteen acres are designated for the protection of Sudley. The structure stands on the crest of a ridge, framed by woodlands at the back (northwest) and looking southeast down the slope of the ridge, across the tree-lined Old Sudley Road, a public way, towards a meadow.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☒ 17th Century☐ 19th CenturySPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) last quarter 17th century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion Phi.☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ Philosophy☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ Italian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sudley's historical significance stems from its association with Kensey Johns, Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court and Chancellor of Delaware; John Johns, Bishop of Virginia and President of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia; the ancestors of Johns Hopkins, the Baltimore benefactor; Kensey Johns II, a Sheriff of Anne Arundel County; and two female Quaker ministers, Sarah Harrison Thomas and Ann Galloway. Ownership of Sudley by the Quaker families of Johns and Galloway connects the house with Anne Arundel County's Quaker heritage.

Sudley is located on original Cumberstone land, patented in 1659 to John Cumber. Cumber served in Oliver Cromwell's army in England before receiving his commission in 1658 as a Captain in the Severn and Isle of Kent Regiment of the Maryland Militia. This regiment was established by the Maryland provincial government in 1657. Cumber's superior officer in the militia was Major Ewen of Cedar Park, Anne Arundel County.

Cumber gave one hundred acres of Cumberstone to his son-in-law, Thomas Pratt, who sold the property to Richard Arnold, a Quaker, in 1672. One of these three men, Cumber, Pratt, or Arnold, built the oldest section of the house. It was standing in 1683 when Arnold died.

Richard Arnold immigrated to Maryland in 1649. Settling in the South River Hundred of Anne Arundel County, he gave up his trade as a tailor to become a planter. Soon after his purchase of Cumberstone from Pratt, he married Martha Thomas, a member of an outstanding Maryland Quaker family. Her father, Philip Thomas, was a founder of both the Herring Creek Meeting and the West River Meeting. Her mother, Sarah Harrison Thomas, was a Quaker minister. Richard Arnold was also a prominent Quaker and a member of the West River Quaker Meeting. He later moved into the West River Hundred, in which Sudley is located, and the inventory drawn up at his death testifies to the prosperity of this West River tobacco planter.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This inventory is located in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Samuel Galloway ( ? -1719) purchased Cumberstone (Sudley) in the early eighteenth century from Sarah Arnold Waters, daughter of Richard Arnold, one of the three possible builders of the house. Galloway, a merchant and planter whose extensive land holdings included properties adjacent to Sudley, was founder of the West River Meeting. In 1686, 1688, and 1691, before the construction of the meeting house, West River Quakers held several meetings at "The Gift," Galloway's home. George Fox (1624-1691), the founder of the Society of Friends, was present at several of these meetings. Galloway's wife, Ann Galloway, was a Quaker minister. Samuel Galloway's descendants can be connected with White's Hall, Cedar Park, Arden, and Hawthorne Ridge, all in Anne Arundel County.

Richard Galloway III inherited "Cumberstone" before 1720. He and his father, Samuel Galloway, were prominent Anne Arundel County Quakers. Richard married Mary Paca of Baltimore County.

Susannah Galloway, daughter of Richard Galloway III, inherited the house in 1739. Ten years later she married Kensey Johns II, a descendant of Richard Johns, founder of the Johns family. Kensey Johns II, a Quaker and prominent Anne Arundel County merchant, owned a warehouse at Pig Point on the Patuxent River. He was a business partner of Samuel Galloway III of Tulip Hill who was a relative of Kensey Johns II's wife. While living at Cumberstone, Johns served as High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County.

John Johns ( ? -1822) lived at Sudley in the early nineteenth century. He had abandoned the Quaker faith to become a member of St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, an action which denotes the decline of Quakerism in Anne Arundel County in the late eighteenth century. The Johns family connections in the county continued to expand when John Johns' sister Mary married Richard Harrison, a descendant of the Holly Hill Harrison family who were Quakers from the South River Hundred. Richard Harrison's brother married a sister of Mary Johns Harrison, thereby creating a double relationship.

In 1822, the ownership of Sudley passed to John Johns' brother, Kensey Johns (1759-1848). Kensey Johns was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware for over thirty years (1799-1830), the Chancellor of Delaware for two years (1830-1832), and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention from New Castle County, Delaware.

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The next owner of Sudley was the Right Reverend John Johns (1796-1876), the fourth Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia (1862-1876) and President of the College of William and Mary (1849-1854). He was an 1818 graduate of the College of New Jersey (Princeton University). He ministered to two Maryland churches before going to Richmond, Virginia, in 1842 to be consecrated in the Monumental Church as an assistant bishop of Virginia. This diocese stretched from Hampton Roads to the Ohio River. During the Civil War, Johns, as Bishop of Virginia, ministered to the troops in the Union Army.

Mrs. Cornelia Johns Grice was born in 1880 in one of the mid-eighteenth-century wings added by Kensey Johns II. She sold Sudley, which had been in the Johns family for 170 years, in 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Kelly. The property was purchased by Mrs. T. Hammond Welsh, the present (1972) owner in 1964.

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY					O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees		Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38 °	49'	23"	76 °		34'	28"			
NE	38 °	49'	23"	76 °		34'	08"			
SE	38 °	49'	07"	76 °	34'	08"				
SW	38 °	49'	07"	76 °	34'	28"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 64 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., and Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE  
July 11, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21401

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## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date

July 17, 1972

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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